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Progress report for April 1950

1. A delay has occurred in the renewal of Laissez-Passers by the Egyptian Government for FBID Albanian monitors at the Mediterranean Bureau. It is believed that Albanian language coverage will be resumed by 10 May 1950.

2. A special report entitled "Foreign Radio Reactions to Truman's and Acheson's ASNE (American Society of Newspaper Editors) Speeches" was prepared for the White House and subsequently reproduced as

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3. At their request, ORE is being furnished the daily compilations of monitored Soviet commentaries by theme, subject and language of broadcast.

4. The reactions of ORE and OSO to the sample "Survey of Far East Radio Broadcasts" were generally favorable. These offices indicated that this report filled a definite need for such a periodic collation of monitored material relating to Asia. A second sample "Survey of Far East Radio Broadcasts," which will be more factually analytical and limited to monitored broadcasts from Communist China and Viet Nam, is in preparation.

5. Austrian material, hitherto separated according to political alignment and published in different sections of the Daily Report, has been consolidated under the Western Europe and Near East Section of the Daily Report.

6. A daily average of 15,000 words was filed to the BBC during April.

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